

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

May 17, 2016

PHARMACEUTICAL-TAKE BACK ORDINANCE

The proposed take-back ordinance, once adopted, will take 30 days to become effective. Thereafter, manufacturers will have nine months to submit a proposed take-back plan. Upon approval, manufacturers will have another three months to implement the plan. This means it will be at a minimum 13 months before adequate take-back options will be available to residents. It is important that the County make take-back options available to the public as soon as possible. In discussions with representatives of the California Retailers Association, several pharmacies have expressed an interest in working with the County to come up with more immediate options, including sponsoring take-back events, hosting collection bins, offering mail back services, and offering public education and outreach on the proper usage and disposal of medications and sharps to prevent these items from entering our landfills or contaminating our ground water.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that items R-1, 14 and 57, be continued to June 14, 2016 to permit the EPR Working Group, in consultation with County Counsel, to work with the California Retailers Association, pharmaceutical manufacturers, sharps manufacturers, and the Health Agency on expedited implementation of more immediate options as described above; and report back on a proposed plan, including any recommended changes to the ordinance that may be required. This plan should be provided to the Board by June 14, 2016.

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